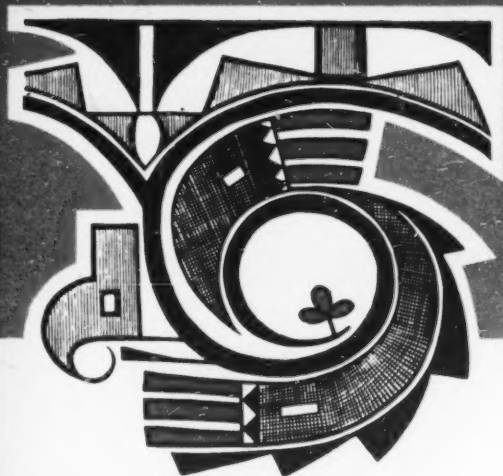




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HIGHLIGHTS

According to preliminary labor force estimates, based in part on the U.S. Department of Labor's Current Population Survey, New Mexico's unemployment situation improved in August, breaking the worsening trend in unemployment shown in recent months. The state's jobless rate fell from 9.5 to 9.0 percent over the month, the result of 2,900 fewer unemployed and 2,200 more persons working than in July. The U.S. unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) also declined in August, dropping from 7.4 to 6.9 percent.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment increased by 1,600 in August. The trade industry provided most of the additional jobs, with restaurants, general merchandise, and apparel stores all posting sizeable employment increases. Many of the new trade jobs were in the Santa Fe area, as a new 650,000-square-foot shopping center, the Villa Linda Mall, opened its doors for business in early August. In manufacturing, the start of the chile processing season resulted in increased

employment in the food subsector; however, this was offset somewhat by reductions in the transportation equipment subsector. Of the small employment reductions posted by the other major industries in August, construction was the only one which did not follow normal seasonal patterns. Construction's employment performance this summer has been rather weak in comparison to normal warm weather increases, and the August decrease of 100 jobs now brings industry employment down to 500 below the year ago level.

Employment estimates for September published in next month's Review should reflect a large employment loss in the metal mining subsector due to the equipment breakdown at Chino Mines Company near Silver City. Chino laid off approximately 400 copper workers in mid-August because of the breakdown, and the company does not anticipate rehiring the workers until late September. (The layoff was not reflected in the August figures because it occurred after the estimation reference period.)

AUGUST SUMMARY

	Prel. August 1985	Revised July 1985	Revised August 1984	Change From July 1985	Change From August 1984
Civilian Labor Force	645,100	645,800	634,800	- 700	+10,300
Employment	586,900	584,700	589,600	+2,200	-2,700
Unemployment	58,200	61,100	45,200	-2,900	+13,000
Rate	9.0%	9.5%	7.1%		

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS) (Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim AUG 1985	Revised JUL 1985	Revised AUG 1984	Change From	
				JUL 1985	AUG 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT ^{1/}	514,500	512,900	506,600	+1,600	+7,900
MINING	19,900	20,000	21,200	- 100	-1,300
Metal Mining	3,200	3,200	3,700	0	- 500
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	4,000	4,000	4,300	0	- 300
Oil and Gas Extraction	12,700	12,800	13,200	- 100	- 500
CONSTRUCTION	38,100	38,200	38,600	- 100	- 500
MANUFACTURING	37,500	36,900	37,500	+ 600	0
Durable Goods	24,400	24,500	23,900	- 100	+ 500
Lumber and Wood Products	2,700	2,600	2,600	+ 100	+ 100
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	6,300	6,300	6,500	0	- 200
Transportation Equipment	4,000	4,200	3,400	- 200	+ 600
Other Durable Goods	11,400	11,400	11,400	0	0
Nondurable Goods	13,100	12,400	13,600	+ 700	- 500
Food and Kindred Products	4,500	3,900	4,700	+ 600	- 200
Textiles and Apparel	2,300	2,300	2,500	0	- 200
Other Nondurable Goods	6,300	6,200	6,400	+ 100	- 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,000	29,100	29,300	- 100	- 300
Railroad Transportation	2,100	2,200	2,400	- 100	- 300
Trucking and Warehousing	6,100	6,100	6,100	0	0
Other Transportation	3,700	3,500	3,500	+ 200	+ 200
Communication	7,500	7,600	7,500	- 100	0
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,600	9,700	9,800	- 100	- 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	125,300	123,300	121,200	+2,000	+4,100
Wholesale Trade	22,300	22,400	22,500	- 100	- 200
Durable Goods	13,100	13,200	13,100	- 100	0
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,200	9,400	0	- 200
Retail Trade	103,000	100,900	98,700	-2,100	+4,300
General Merchandise Stores	10,700	10,200	10,500	+ 500	+ 200
Food Stores	14,600	14,700	14,500	- 100	+ 100
Auto Dirs and Service Stations	12,900	12,800	12,800	+ 100	+ 100
Eating and Drinking Places	38,400	37,300	35,900	+1,100	+2,500
Other Retail Trade	26,400	25,900	25,000	+ 500	+1,400
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	26,000	26,000	24,800	0	+1,200
Banking	8,400	8,500	8,400	- 100	0
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,900	5,900	5,700	0	+ 200
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	11,700	11,600	10,700	+ 100	+1,000
SERVICES	114,300	115,100	109,800	- 800	+4,500
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	11,800	11,800	11,600	0	+ 200
Personal Services	5,500	5,600	5,600	- 100	- 100
Business Services	25,800	25,900	24,400	- 100	+1,400
Health Services	26,900	26,900	26,500	0	+ 400
Social Services	6,700	6,900	7,000	- 200	- 300
Membership Organizations	8,200	8,400	7,100	- 200	+1,100
Other Services	29,400	29,600	27,600	- 200	+1,800
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	124,400	124,300	124,200	+ 100	+ 200
Federal Government	30,300	30,700	30,000	- 400	+ 300
Total State & Local	94,100	93,600	94,200	+ 500	- 100
State ^{2/}	42,800	42,100	42,200	+ 700	+ 600
Local	51,300	51,500	52,000	- 200	- 700

^{1/} Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

^{2/} Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

HIGHLIGHTS

The Albuquerque area unemployment rate for August was 6.9 percent according to preliminary estimates. The number of people employed was 227,100, an increase of 900 from July. The number of unemployed in Albuquerque declined by 900 in August but is 17 percent above the year ago level.

After approximately six months of a generally upward trend, the area's unemployment rate dropped a significant four tenths of a percentage point in August. However, the current unemployment rate remains higher than one year ago.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment was 216,700 in August, a decline of 100 jobs over the month. Normal seasonal patterns were generally followed by all major industrial sectors except government. The rather large August 900 loss in government was mainly the result of earlier than usual layoffs of temporary summer workers in local government. Another atypical change in August was the durable goods manufacturing decrease of 100 jobs, largely caused by a workforce

reduction at an area computer component manufacturer.

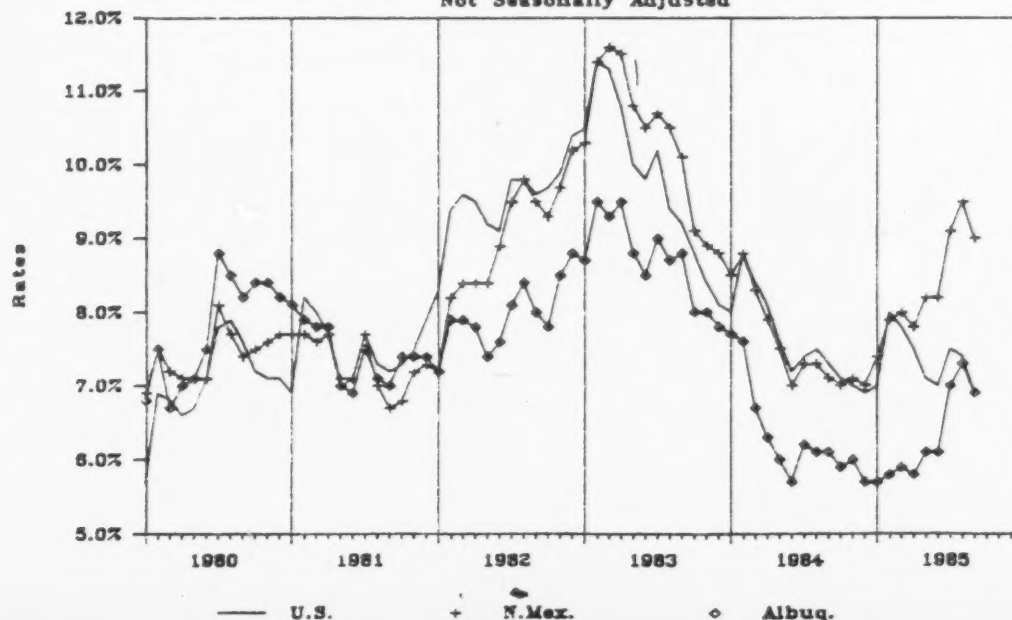
Since August 1984, wage and salary employment added 6,200 jobs (+2.9%). This increase is about half that experienced in the same periods of 1983 and 1984; however, the gain is considerably above the increases shown from August to August in the 1980 - 1982 period. This year, the eating and drinking places subsector of retail trade accounted for about 60 percent of the 3300 yearly gain in trade. Construction added 2,000 jobs, with all three subsectors, building(+500), heavy (+800), and special trades (+700), contributing. Business (+1,200), legal (+1,000), and education (+900) recorded most of the increase in the services sector. The growth of 800 jobs in finance, insurance, & real estate is supported by gains by credit agencies (+300) and real estate establishments (+300). The twelve-month loss in state and local government was generally caused by disparities in summer hiring patterns.

AUGUST SUMMARY

	Prel. Aug. 1985	Revised Jul. 1985	Aug. 1984	Change From Jul. 1985	Aug. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	243,900	243,900	237,600	0	+6,300
Employment	227,100	226,200	223,200	+ 900	+3,900
Unemployment	16,800	17,700	14,400	- 900	+2,400
Rate	6.9%	7.3%	6.1%		

Unemployment Rates

Not Seasonally Adjusted



ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS) (Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim AUG 1985	Revised JUL 1985	Revised AUG 1984	Change From	
				JUL 1985	AUG 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	216,700	216,800	210,500	-100	+6,200
MINING	200	200	300	0	- 100
CONSTRUCTION	17,800	17,700	15,800	+100	+2,000
MANUFACTURING	19,400	19,200	19,600	+200	- 200
Durable Goods	13,500	13,600	13,800	-100	- 300
Nondurable Goods	5,900	5,600	5,800	+200	+ 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,800	11,800	12,100	0	- 300
Transportation	5,400	5,300	5,500	+100	- 100
Communication	3,900	3,900	4,100	0	- 200
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,500	2,600	2,500	-100	0
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	57,300	56,800	54,000	+500	+3,300
Wholesale Trade	13,700	13,700	13,700	0	0
Durable Goods	8,900	8,900	8,900	0	0
Nondurable Goods	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0
Retail Trade	43,600	43,100	40,300	+500	+3,300
General Merchandise Stores	4,000	4,000	4,100	0	- 100
Food Stores	4,800	4,900	4,500	-100	+ 300
Auto Dirs and Service Stations	4,700	4,700	4,600	0	+ 100
Eating and Drinking Places	17,500	17,000	15,400	+500	+2,100
Other Retail Trade	12,600	12,500	11,700	+100	+ 900
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	13,600	13,400	12,800	+200	+ 800
Banking	3,300	3,300	3,200	0	+ 100
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,600	3,600	3,500	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	6,700	6,500	6,100	-200	+ 600
SERVICES	55,800	56,000	53,700	-200	+2,100
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,000	3,000	3,200	0	- 200
Health Services	12,900	12,900	12,500	0	+ 400
Social Services	2,500	2,700	2,600	-200	- 100
Membership Organizations	2,000	2,100	1,900	-100	+ 100
Other Services	35,400	35,300	33,500	+100	+1,900
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	40,800	41,700	42,200	-900	-1,400
Federal Government	12,900	12,900	12,200	0	+ 700
Total State & Local	27,900	28,800	30,000	-900	-2,100
State	10,600	10,700	11,800	-100	-1,200
Local	17,300	18,100	18,200	-800	- 900

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

LAS CRUCES AREA (DOÑA ANA COUNTY) 1/
ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

	Previous AUG 1985	Revised JUL 1985	Revised AUG 1984	Change JUL 1985	% from AUG 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	34,550	34,150	33,850	+400	+700
MINING 2/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0
MANUFACTURING	3,500	3,350	3,700	+150	-200
Durable Goods	1,400	1,450	1,500	- 50	-100
Nondurable Goods	2,100	1,900	2,200	+200	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,350	1,300	1,350	+ 50	0
Transportation	550	500	550	+ 50	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	800	800	800	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	7,650	7,700	7,250	- 50	+400
Wholesale Trade	900	900	850	0	+ 50
Retail Trade	6,750	6,800	6,400	- 50	+350
General Merchandise Stores	700	700	700	0	0
Food Stores	900	1,000	1,000	-100	-100
Auto Oils & Serv Stations	800	800	800	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2,800	2,700	2,500	+100	+300
Other Retail Trade	1,550	1,600	1,400	- 50	+150
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,550	1,550	1,400	0	+150
SERVICES	8,000	8,350	8,750	+ 50	+250
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	600	600	550	0	+ 50
Business Services	850	800	850	+ 50	0
Health Services	1,150	1,150	1,100	0	+ 50
Social Services	400	400	350	0	+ 50
Other Services	2,000	2,000	1,900	0	+100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	12,700	12,500	12,600	+200	-100
Federal Government	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
Total State & Local	8,000	7,800	7,900	+200	+100
State	4,600	4,500	4,600	+100	0
Local	3,400	3,300	3,300	+100	+100

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 1,000 employment are rounded to fifty. Those published cells with more than 1,000 employment are rounded to hundreds.

2/ The employment for the Las Cruces MSA is rounded to fifty. Because employment in this industry is below 25, it appears as zero.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION,
CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS		AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS		AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			
	1985	1985	1984	1985	1985	1984	1985	1984
NEW MEXICO								
MINING	\$492.76	\$496.34	\$476.72	42.7	41.5	40.4	\$11.54	\$11.96
CONSTRUCTION	409.64	376.56	387.45	38.5	36.0	36.9	10.64	10.46
MANUFACTURING	325.22	326.94	324.82	40.2	38.6	40.3	8.09	8.47
Durable Goods	333.92	335.01	329.67	39.8	38.2	40.6	8.39	8.77
Nondurable Gds	316.98	308.10	314.82	40.9	39.5	39.7	7.75	7.80
COMM and UTIL	422.71	471.23	443.94	41.0	42.8	42.2	10.31	11.01
TRADE*	273.73	278.02	263.44	36.4	36.2	35.6	7.52	7.68
BANKING	207.18	213.95	197.62	37.6	38.9	36.8	5.51	5.50
ALBUQUERQUE								
MANUFACTURING	\$335.40	\$329.86	\$317.18	39.0	38.4	40.2	\$ 8.60	\$ 8.59
							\$ 7.89	

* Excludes Eating and Drinking Places

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Construction is expected to begin shortly on the \$11 million, 250-unit first phase of an apartment complex on a 35-acre site just north of the Corrales Shopping Center. The complex will be built in three stages of 250 units each, and when completed, cost a total of \$35 to \$40 million. The project general contractor will be Crow-Western, a Trammel Crow Residential Company. The BDM Corporation of Albuquerque has been awarded a \$54 million, 5-year contract to provide technical and scientific expertise to the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center at Kirtland AFB. BDM had earlier announced an increase of 200 jobs in the Albuquerque branch this year, which will bring the total BDM Albuquerque workforce to about 900. The New Mexico Health Systems Agency governing body recommended that Healthsouth Rehabilitation Corp., a Birmingham, Alabama firm, build a 60-bed rehabilitation hospital in Albuquerque. Final approval of the project is up to the state Health Planning and Development Bureau. 7 Broadway Place, an 80,000-square-foot, five-story, \$5.5 million office complex, will open in mid-October. The office complex is located at Lomas and Broadway NE. Flinchum Construction Company of Albuquerque has been awarded a \$372,000 contract from Kirtland AFB for maintenance and repairs to Building 1017. The \$5.3 million Texas Inn opened on Yale SE on October 1. The 115-room inn employs about 30 people. The Air Force Space Technology Center, located at Kirtland AFB, employs about 100 people and directs the efforts of the Air Force Weapons Laboratories at Kirtland AFB, the Air Force Propulsion Laboratory at Edwards AFB in California, and the Air Force Geophysics Laboratory in Hanscom, Massachusetts. A 400,000-square-foot shopping center with parking for 2,000 cars will be built at the intersection of Coors Blvd. and Central Ave. N.W. Construction is expected to begin work on the project by the first of the year. A \$5 million-plus renovation of the First Interstate Bank building in downtown Albuquerque began in early September. According to an employment

outlook survey by Manpower Inc., 17 percent of Albuquerque-area employers surveyed intend to increase staffs, while 10 percent plan to reduce staffs in the last quarter of 1985. The remaining 73 percent foresee no change in their staffing levels. White Stores Inc. will close its two Albuquerque stores in early October, laying off about 24 people. J.C. Penney Co. Inc. opened its new \$1 million telephone sales center in Rio Rancho in mid-September. The center is initially employing about 150 people but plans to increase its workforce to about 400, mostly part-time workers, by 1986. The Denver-based Carder Concrete Products Co., which is owned by a Dublin, Ireland conglomerate, plans to build a concrete products facility about 10 miles west of Bernalillo in Sandoval county. The 20,000-square-foot plant will initially employ about 40 people when it opens in 1986, and 70 workers by 1989.

CARLSBAD/ARTESIA AREA: The Brantley Dam Project should be completed by the fall of 1987, according to U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) officials. The \$200 million project, located between Carlsbad and Artesia, is well on its way to completion, with Monterrey Construction handling the first \$45 million phase of construction. Currently, approximately 350 workers are employed at the dam site, and about 100 additional workers should be on board by early next year, according to BOR officials. Grace Oil Company is expected to start work soon on a 4,000-square-foot office building in the Carlsbad Industrial Park. A recent U.S. Department of Energy report set employment at the Waste Isolation Pilot Project (WIPP) at 668 persons. The breakdown of employment at WIPP was: Department of Energy, 18, Westinghouse Corp., 339, Sandia National Laboratory, 50, Bechtel, 17, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 244.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA: Mountain Development Inc., an ethanol producer in Portales, cut production and laid off about

20 employees due to environmental pollution control problems. A new Save-n-Gain warehouse grocery store opened in Clovis in late September with about 100 workers.

DEMING/LORDSBURG AREA: Border Foods Inc. started up its seasonal chile processing operation in Deming in mid-August. Border Foods is employing about 300 workers roasting, peeling, dicing, and canning green chile.

FARMINGTON AREA: Savage Coal Service, a trucking company located in Flora Vista, laid off or transferred about 50 employees in September. The company had transported coal for the Chimney Rock Coal Mine 35 miles east of Durango, Colo. The mine is running out of coal and is undertaking a phased layoff of about 50 workers. The Bureau of Reclamation is seeking bids for construction of pipe laterals and pumping plants for Block 6 of the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project (NIIP). The project is expected to cost between \$5 and \$10 million. A \$60 million natural gas processing plant, which its planners say will be the largest processor of natural gas in the U.S., is being built 15 miles east of Farmington. Conoco Oil Co. will operate the plant that is jointly owned by Conoco and Tenneco Oil. The facility will process about 500 million cubic feet of natural gas each day. It will employ about 175 people during the construction phase and 20 to 25 permanent workers when in full operation by late 1986. The Navajo Tribal Council has passed a preliminary agreement giving SHAPE, Inc., a video and audio cassette maker, approval to continue plans for a \$10.3 million cassette production plant in Shiprock. If all goes as planned, the factory should open next fall and initially employ about 160 people. The plant will go into the former Fairchild facility in Shiprock.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA: The U.S. Army Information Systems Management Command has awarded a contract for more than \$10.8 million to Laguna Industries at Laguna Pueblo for electromechanical fabrication assembly work. Laguna Industries plans to begin hiring about 150 employees for the

project. The Pueblo of Acoma opened a new grocery store in mid-September which employs about 55 pueblo people. District 6 of the Highway Department is currently working on 13 highway projects in the district, totaling \$35 million. The district currently employs about 65 people and will expand employment to about 85 people when the new \$3.3 million district administration building is complete. The Gallup City Council has approved a zoning change that will allow the Little Sisters of the Poor to build a \$10 million center for the aging. The center will take about 10 years to build, and when completed, employ about 80 people. Homestake laid off about 55 mill employees at its uranium mine in mid-September. The company intends to lay off about 20 more workers to scale down to a workforce of about 50 by early next year. Homestake's uranium mill employed about 500 workers at its peak several years ago. Carbon Coal Co. laid off about 25 workers and reduced production by 25 percent in late September due to a decline in demand by the Arizona Electric Power Cooperative. Bagdad Plastics Inc., a Phoenix-based manufacturer of plastic valves, is considering Grants and one other city for its new corporate headquarters. According to a company spokesman, the headquarters would initially employ about 50 people and about triple that within five years.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Foamex Inc. officials expect to break ground on the new \$16 million foam rubber plant in southern Dona Ana County by the end of this year. The new 90,000-square-foot plant should employ about 50 workers. Work started in late August on the new \$16 million Las Cruces Hilton Inn at Telshor Blvd. and Foothills Dr. When in operation, the hotel should employ approximately 200 persons. Hughes Aircraft Company is planning to locate its missile repair plant at the Entrada Del Sol Industrial Park. Hughes has a contract with the U.S. Army to repair the Roland surface-to-air missile. The new plant will employ approximately 50 workers. A special task force set up by the Las Cruces city council has given approval to a report

calling for construction of a \$14 million convention center in Las Cruces. The report recommends that the new center be financed through general obligation bonds. Ground was broken in late August on a \$12 million wastewater disposal system and street paving project for Sunland Park. The entire project should be completed by mid-1987. A \$2.2 million Rio Grande channel restoration project between Elephant Butte Dam and Caballo Reservoir is expected to begin by mid-September. Ed Logan Contracting Co. of Mesa, Arizona was awarded the channel restoration contract from the Bureau of Reclamation. Mesilla Valley High Tech Industries was awarded a \$143,000 contract from the New Mexico Economic Development and Tourism Department to train 100 entry-level employees. The training funds were provided as part of the department's in-plant training program.

LAS VEGAS AREA: Montana de Fibra laid off about 15 workers and reassigned about 20 others when it closed down its saw mill in late September. A company spokesman stated economic conditions as the reason for the closure. The saw mill closure will not affect Montana de Fibras fiberboard operation.

SANTA FE AREA: Value House and Garden-swartz Sports plan to open stores, 20,000-square-foot and 11,000-square-foot respectively, in the new Loma Vista Plaza in November. SOS International, a San Francisco based company, has hired about 100 New Mexicans to clean up the State Highway Department's PCB-contaminated headquarters. Hotel Properties Inc., a San Diego hotel firm, broke ground in September for a new \$8 million Continental Inn Hotel. The 130-room hotel will open in February and is located across from the Villa Linda Mall.

SILVER CITY AREA: Chino Mines Co. completed repairs at its Santa Rita copper concentrator September 24 and recalled approximately 400 workers laid off in early August because of the equipment breakdown. Chino also laid off 50 additional workers for four weeks beginning

in early September to allow for smelter maintenance repairs.

SOCORRO/T or C AREA: Renovation of the former Carrie Tingley Hospital in T or C into the New Mexico Veterans Center is almost complete, and the new elderly and disabled care facility should be ready for occupancy by early November. The center will be able to care for approximately 180 persons and employ a staff of about 100. Aerojet Ordnance Company opened its new plant, employing about 30 workers, in Socorro in early September. The New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (NMIMT) in Socorro has been awarded a \$617,000 public works grant from the Economic Development Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce. NMIMT must provide matching funds of about \$400,000. The funds will be used to develop a research and development park on 700 acres west of the NMIMT campus. NMIMT's Terminal Effects Research and Analysis (TERA) group laid off about 50 construction workers in late August. The reduction-in-force was the result of the completion of construction projects at Aerojet Ordnance Company and the Center for Explosives Technology Research.

TAOS/ANGEL FIRE AREA: The Angel Fire Ski Area began work on a \$500,000 facelift of its base lodge facility in late August. The project is scheduled for completion by the first week of December.

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CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

PRELIMINARY AUGUST 1985

REVISED JULY 1985

REVISED AUGUST 1984

	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	645,043	586,875	58,168	9.0%	645,826	584,748	61,078	9.5%	634,875	589,644	45,231	7.1%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	243,835	227,051	16,784	6.9%	243,935	226,207	17,728	7.3%	237,629	223,248	14,381	6.1%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	42,992	38,615	4,377	10.2%	42,392	37,762	4,630	10.9%	42,007	38,487	3,520	8.4%
Catron	966	838	128	13.3%	1,012	876	136	13.4%	1,048	960	88	8.4%
Chaves	25,565	23,209	2,356	9.2%	25,890	23,483	2,407	9.3%	25,047	23,436	1,611	6.4%
Gibola	11,277	8,962	2,315	20.5%	11,267	8,821	2,446	21.7%	10,900	9,310	1,590	14.6%
Golfax	7,778	7,131	647	8.3%	7,704	7,088	616	8.0%	7,694	7,191	503	6.5%
Curry	15,897	14,569	1,328	8.4%	15,883	14,631	1,252	7.9%	15,786	14,817	969	6.1%
De Baca	1,028	946	82	8.0%	1,032	957	75	7.3%	1,026	979	47	4.6%
Eddy	23,322	20,863	2,459	10.5%	23,335	20,695	2,640	11.3%	23,228	21,358	1,870	8.1%
Grant	9,485	8,063	1,422	15.0%	9,787	8,300	1,487	15.2%	10,178	9,150	1,028	10.1%
Guadalupe	1,619	1,390	229	14.1%	1,643	1,403	240	14.6%	1,592	1,523	69	4.3%
Harding	665	624	41	6.2%	680	643	37	5.4%	644	619	25	3.9%
Hidalgo	2,549	2,298	251	9.8%	2,659	2,391	268	10.1%	2,463	2,361	102	4.1%
Lea	31,098	29,393	1,705	5.5%	31,268	29,448	1,820	5.8%	30,919	29,709	1,210	3.9%
Lincoln	9,470	9,031	439	4.6%	9,524	9,014	510	5.4%	9,417	9,096	321	3.4%
Los Alamos	12,187	11,949	238	2.0%	12,079	11,835	244	2.0%	11,977	11,735	242	2.0%
Luna	5,447	4,569	878	16.1%	5,584	4,592	992	17.8%	5,627	5,121	506	9.0%
McKinley	16,869	14,314	2,555	15.0%	17,176	14,494	2,682	15.6%	17,425	15,626	1,799	10.3%
Mora	1,199	810	389	32.4%	1,250	856	394	31.5%	1,085	825	260	24.0%
Otero	15,475	14,111	1,364	8.8%	15,600	14,240	1,360	8.7%	15,626	14,572	1,054	6.7%
Quay	5,446	4,975	473	8.7%	5,482	4,950	532	9.7%	5,459	5,081	378	6.9%
Rio Arriba	10,844	8,703	2,141	19.7%	10,785	8,593	2,192	20.3%	11,456	9,842	1,614	14.1%
Roosevelt	7,368	6,968	400	5.4%	7,472	7,036	436	5.8%	7,377	7,063	314	4.3%
Sandoval	14,730	13,123	1,607	10.9%	14,572	12,851	1,721	11.8%	14,511	13,473	1,038	7.2%
San Juan	37,555	32,463	5,092	13.6%	37,319	31,913	5,406	14.5%	36,738	32,487	4,251	11.6%
San Miguel	8,928	7,607	1,321	14.8%	9,425	8,122	1,303	13.8%	9,095	8,016	1,079	11.9%
Santa Fe	45,446	42,619	2,827	6.2%	45,047	42,191	2,856	6.3%	44,123	42,053	2,070	4.7%
Sierra	2,691	2,481	210	7.8%	2,740	2,522	218	8.0%	2,612	2,492	120	4.6%
Socorro	4,936	4,497	439	8.9%	4,907	4,447	460	9.4%	4,670	4,303	367	7.9%
Taos	11,435	9,522	1,913	16.7%	11,535	9,467	2,068	17.9%	10,995	9,392	1,603	14.6%
Torrance	2,785	2,431	354	12.7%	2,702	2,330	372	13.8%	2,347	2,170	177	7.5%
Union	2,695	2,546	149	5.5%	2,745	2,545	200	7.3%	2,645	2,548	97	3.7%
Valencia	11,479	10,204	1,275	11.1%	11,395	10,045	1,350	11.8%	11,529	10,601	928	8.0%

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